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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase in Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions

Docket No. 2014-346-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's ("ORS") response to Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc.'s filing, dated November 28, 2017, regarding the confidentiality of information contained in ORS Rehearing Exhibit DMH-1. ORS does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina granting the legal invoices appropriate confidential protection. However, ORS does oppose any Motion or request that in any way prohibits or restricts ORS's right to include its exhibits in the record. Because ORS consents to have appropriate aspects of its exhibit treated as confidential, ORS does not believe there is reason to exclude them from the record. Furthermore, ORS may find the need to address or use these invoices, which include expenses that may be passed on to ratepayers, at the hearing on the merits.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-Mail)
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